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PREFACE TO THE NINTH EDITION

Since the publication of the last edition of this book many advances have been made over the entire field of Dermatology. In revising this edition of the book I have taken the opportunity of bringing it up to date and in line with modern thought. The treatment of the dermatoses has been completely revised to incorporate a survey of the present state of corticosteroids in dermatology and to review other recent developments in therapy.

Modern trends in the metabolic diseases is reflected in the additions and amendments made in that chapter. Other sections of the book which have been altered to incorporate modern thought include acne vulgaris and ichthyosis. An extensive revision of the text incorporates many of the advances in Dermatology in the last few years and the deletion of obsolete material.

As Dr. Herbert O. Mackey mentioned in an earlier preface, this book has been written to supply the practitioner and student with a handy volume which contains specific, up-to-date and practical methods for the management and treatment of most of the skin diseases met with in general practice. It also contains many practical diagnostic and therapeutic suggestions for the internist and pediatrician. Other features of importance to the practising physician include the etiology, symptomatology and pathology of the cutaneous diseases with special emphasis on differential diagnosis.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

This book is intended primarily for students as a practical guide to the clinical study and treatment of diseases of the skin. It has no pretensions to be an exhaustive treatise on these diseases, but in spite of its shortcomings it is hoped that it will be found useful.

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In recent years, the ever-changing science of Dermatology has compelled authors to enlarge their textbooks more and more with the result that the medical student often, in despair, leaves them unread. Much difficulty, however, arises in endeavouring to compress within the limits of a small volume a comprehensive and concise account of even the commoner skin diseases, but an effort has been made here to present the salient facts in such a manner as to assist the student in the hospital ward and the out-patient department.

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FIG. 1.—Model of the Structure of the Skin.